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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN DECLARATION RE CAMBODIAN BORDERS

1. FONOFF TELLS US THAT IN CIRCULAR NOTE DATED  
 JUNE 25, 1967, CAMBODIAN GOVT REQUESTED GOA RECOGNITION  
 CAMBODIAN BOUNDARIES AND RESPECT INTEGRITY THEREOF.  
 SECOND CIRCULAR NOTE SENT JULY 1967 URGED DECLARATION  
 BE MADE, WITH IMPLIED THREAT THAT IF SUCH DECLARATION  
 NOT MADE WITHIN CERTAIN TIME LIMIT BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC  
 RELATIONS COULD RESULT. JUST BEFORE TIME LIMIT EXPIRED

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 IN NOVEMBER, GOA RECEIVED WORD TIME LIMIT HAD BEEN  
 EXTENDED TO MID-JANUARY.

2. AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR IN DJAKARTA, WHO IS ACCREDITED TO  
 CAMBODIA, PLANS VISIT PHNOM PENH IN FEBRUARY AND GOA

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IS PROPOSING THAT HE MAKE DECLARATION ALONG FOLLOWING LINES AT THAT TIME: "THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA RESPECTS WITHOUT RESERVATION THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, NEUTRALITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CAMBODIA WITHIN ITS ACTUAL BOUNDARIES. AS A PERMANENT NEUTRAL STATE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS POLICY DIRECTED TOWARD THE REJECTION OF FORCE, AUSTRIA RECOGNIZES THE INVIOABILITY OF THESE BOUNDARIES."

3. FONOFF BROUGHT PROPOSED AUSTRIAN STATEMENT INFORMALLY TO OUR ATTENTION IN VIEW COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT CLOSE AMBASSADOR BOWLES' VISIT WITH SIHANOUK WHICH INCLUDED REFERENCES TO "RENEWED AMERICAN ASSURANCE OF RESPECT FOR CAMBODIAN SOVEREIGNTY, NEUTRALITY, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY." WE EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION IN BEING

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CONSULTED AND WHILE INDICATING WE WOULD REFER IT TO DEPT, WE POINTED OUT PRIVATELY THAT AMB BOWLES' STATEMENT SEEMED TO HAVE AVOIDED ANY SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO CAMBODIA'S CLAIMED FRONTIERS WHICH, AS AUSTRIANS AWARE, ARE NOT ACCEPTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY EITHER THAILAND OR SOUTH VIETNAM.

4. FONOFF REQUESTED INFORMALLY ANY COMMENTS DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON THIS ACTION AND TEXT OF STATEMENT BY JAN 23. REQUEST REPLY SOONEST. MACARTHUR

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